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The present program of Osoaviakhim includes the training and protection of the population against atomic air raids. Osoaviakhim aims only at the discipline of the people; the preparation of such defenses as "insulation layers" in shelters is being left to scientists. At present, sham maneuvers are held for those people in strategic areas who would need shelter or would have to be moved away rapidly, and personnel is being trained in the detection of radio-activity. The training is similar to that for chemical warfare.

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